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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU

REF: MONROVIA 5359

1. AT CONCLUSION OF WEEKLY CABINET MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL TOLD PRESS CABINET HAD DISCUSSED QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU BUT HAD DECIDED IT NEEDED FURTHER DATA BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION. PM SAID INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT PROCLAMATION NEW STATE WAS "EXTREMELY MEAGER AND CONTRADICTORY". THEREFORE HE BELIEVED ANY IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION WOULD BE "PREMATURE".

2. TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS, TER BEEK, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF LABOR PARTY AND SCHOUTEN OF THE ARP DEPARTED LAST WEEK FOR "SECRET TRIP TO GUINEA-BISSAU". THEIR REPORT UPON RETURN COULD CONCEIVABLY PRESSURE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE SOME ACTION ESPECIALLY SINCE LABOR PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 28 FAVORED EARLY DUTCH RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU INDEPENDENCE.

3. COMMENTS: WHILE THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE FROM DUTCH LEFT
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WING FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU INDEPENDENCE,

MORE CAUTIOUS VIEWS IN BOTH CABINET AND MFA SEEM TO BE
PREVAILING FOR THE MOMENT.
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